

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: :
: **Bandarpalle B. SHANKAR, et al.** : Examiner: Zinna N. Davis
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Serial No.: **10/803,577** : Group Art Unit: 1625
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Filed: **March 18, 2004** : **February 20, 2009**
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For: **"Cannabinoid Receptor Ligands"** :
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Commissioner for Patents
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RCE, Amendment, & Response to Office Action

A Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is being filed herewith, together with an amendment, request for reconsideration, and Petition for Extension of time.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on September 29, 2008. This Amendment is being filed as a submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in lieu of appeal and in further response to the Final Office Action dated April 28, 2008.

The Commissioner is authorized to draw the required fees for the RCE and extension of time (and any additional fees which the Commissioner determines are required with this response) from Applicants' deposit account no. **19-0365**.

Amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' remarks, which include a request for reconsideration and allowance, begin on page 19 of this paper. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: